



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Draft EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Thursday, March 13, 2025

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

The City of Madison is holding the Equal Opportunities Commission meeting virtually to help protect our community from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

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CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 pm. Benford presiding.

Present: 7 - Melanie G. Ramey; Deana Wright; Brian D. Benford; Katriel Tan Williams; Robert Klebba; Zach A. Madden and Corinda Rainey-Moore

Absent: 6 - Nasra Wehelie; Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford; Sheray L. Wallace; Anushri S. Bangalore; Linda J. Ketcham and Araceli Esparza

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ramey made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Klebba. The motion was passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [87442](#) Public Comments (March 13, 2025)

There were no public comments.

One individual was registered on the watch list and attended the meeting.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

NEW BUSINESS

2. [87458](#) City Attorney, Michael Haas, will discuss housing property tax equity, public area accessibility and the EOC's jurisdiction.

Attorney Haas held discussions and answered questions.

Ramey made a motion to ask the City Assessor to join the next meeting to discuss housing property tax and equity issues. It was seconded by Klebba. The motion passed unanimously.
3. [87484](#) Directing City staff to explore and study the possibility of providing early mediation between businesses.

Klebba made a motion to refer this with prejudice, seconded by Ramey. The motion passed unanimously.
4. [87443](#) Non-Discrimination Clause - Klebba

Tan made a motion to refer this to the next meeting. It was seconded by Klebba. The motion was passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. [86947](#) Reverend James Wright Award Schedule and Timeline

A discussion was held.
6. [85693](#) EOC Work Plan

During this discussion, it was noted that the quorum was lost as two members left the meeting. The meeting was immediately adjourned at 6:18 pm.
7. [83906](#) Future Topics

This was not discussed. Quorum was lost as two members left the meeting. The meeting was immediately adjourned at 6:18 pm.

REPORTS

8. [77682](#) Alder Report to the EOC

This was not presented. Quorum was lost as two members left the meeting.
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9. [57765](#) EOD Manager Report:
Technology updates, HUD Project updates, Training and Outreach, Special
Projects, Employment/Housing/Public Accommodations Updates
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